

REMARKS

1. Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121

A. The Examiner has restricted the present application into 4 groups of claims, as set forth in Paper No.7. Applicants elect Group I (Claims 21-24, 27-31) without traverse.

B. The Examiner further restricted Group I to a single SEQ ID NO. Applicants elect nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO:3, and amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:4 (i.e. the protein encoded by SEQ ID NO:3) for examination with traverse. Applicants traverse because SEQ ID NOs 1-5 are associated sequences which should be examined together. SEQ ID NOs. 1-5 are related as follows:

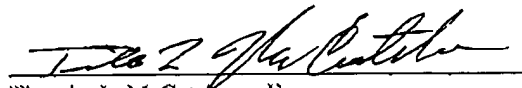
SEQ ID NO:1	Full-length ORF encoding SEQ ID NO:4, but also includes 3' and 5' UTR
SEQ ID NO:2	Reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:1
SEQ ID NO:3	Coding region only of SEQ ID NO:1 (i.e. no 3' or 5' UTR).
SEQ ID NO:4	Protein encoded by SEQ ID NOs. 1 and 3
SEQ ID NO:5	Reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:3

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that SEQ ID NOs. 1-5 be examined together.

In the event the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (970)493-7272.

Respectfully submitted,

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